



Superfund Redevelopment Pilots

Arkwright Dump Spartanburg County, SC

EPA's Superfund Redevelopment Initiative (SRI) is a nationally coordinated effort to facilitate the return of Superfund sites to productive use by selecting response actions consistent with anticipated use. The SRI Pilots are intended to help local governments enhance their involvement in the Superfund decision-making process by assisting EPA in predicting future land uses for Superfund sites. Under the Pilot Program, EPA will provide up to \$100,000 in financial assistance and/or services to local governments for specified activities. Applicants are offered several types of program assistance, including funding through a cooperative agreement, access to facilitation services, and/or the availability of personnel under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA).

BACKGROUND

EPA selected the County of Spartanburg, South Carolina, for a Superfund Redevelopment Pilot. The county is home to the Arkwright Dump Superfund site, which is an unlined 30-acre landfill that was owned and operated by the county from 1954 until 1972. Since then, the property has been a concern to community groups, and more recently, it has been the subject of state and EPA investigations. The investigations showed heavy metals, pesticides, and organic chemicals in the soil, groundwater, surface water, and sediment. The site is not yet on EPA's list of hazardous waste sites needing cleanup, but significant action by EPA is planned, and a long-term cleanup decision is pending. Though the community is feeling the effects of the mill and plant closures, it is concerned about the safety of reusing the site because of the high level of contamination. The site is in an economically disadvantaged community.

OBJECTIVES

The overall goals of the county are to reuse the Arkwright Dump and to revitalize the local economy. Pilot funds will allow the county to formulate a plan for the redevelopment of the dump that is compatible with the overall plans of the Arkwright community. The funding will also be used to assist a community group in conducting workshops, training, and increasing community outreach. Spartanburg County will work with local and regional economic development organizations, developers, and the community to establish priorities based on the site's reuse potential and positive economic impacts on the community.

PILOT SNAPSHOT



Applicant Name: Spartanburg County, SC

Site Name: Arkwright Dump

Date of Selection: July 2000

Anticipated Award: Cooperative Agreement (\$100,000)

Profile: Spartanburg County will create a reuse plan for the Arkwright Dump that is compatible with the community's plan to revitalize the local economy.

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